

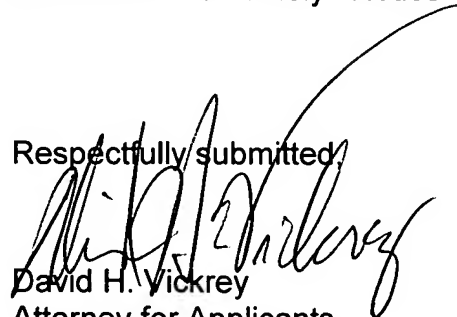
**REMARKS**

In the specification, a paragraph was added to claim priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/051357, filed July 5, 2004, and European Application No. 03102095.1, filed July 10, 2003.

No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance in the case.

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